

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

The Examiner in his Office action dated June 20, 2008 indicated dependent claims 6 and 12 as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants by the instant amendment have rewritten dependent claims 6 and 12 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim from which they depend. In addition, Applicants have amended the dependencies of the remaining dependent claims so as to depend either directly or indirectly from one of new independent claims 6 and 12.

In light of the amendments made in the instant application and the indication of allowable subject matter made by the Examiner in his Office action of June 20, 2008, all of the claims in the instant application are now allowable and the early issuance of a formal notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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